

# A History of Pipeline Safety in Virginia

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## 10 Killed, 19 Injured When Blast Wrecks Masters Building on South Main Street Here

### Steel Prices Increased By 300 Millions

Increases Amount  
to \$5 Ton for  
Finished Products

NEW YORK, July 29. (P)—U. S. Steel Corp. and Bethlehem Steel Corp. producers of more than half of the nation's steel, completed a cycle of price increases today which industry sources estimated would take more than \$300,000,000 out of consumers' pocketbooks.

The companies announce increases averaging 66 a ton for the raw material for hundreds of finished products.

The new quotations probably will be translated at the retail level into higher prices for such things as automobiles, farm equipment, refrigerators.

The first dent in the steel price unit was made late last week by American Rolling Mill Co.

### The Dead and Injured

#### THOSE DEAD

Dead in the explosion are:

Mrs. Rebecca Crabill Sherman, 537 Layman Avenue, Harrisonburg.

Miss Harriet Ann Garber, 89, 308 East Market Street, Harrisonburg.

Miss Elisabeth Seig, 638 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. Home originally in Staunton.

Miss Dorothy Zeruba Betsold, 20, R. F. D. 2, Waynesboro.

Miss Pauline Marie Shaffer, 23, Love Fountain.

Mrs. Annie Payne Baker, 43, 612 Norfolk Avenue, Staunton.

Miss Dorothy Gail Bowman, 26, Mt. Jackson.

Miss Wilda Outley, 18, Swoope.

Mrs. John Shrockman, 22, Weyers Cave.

Miss Bonnie Catherine Stet, 18, Keokuk.

#### THE INJURED

Injured and in Rockingham Memorial Hospital were:

Justis James Mullen, Route 2,

### Scenes After Fatal Explosion



### Most Victims In Beauty Shop; Roof Collapses

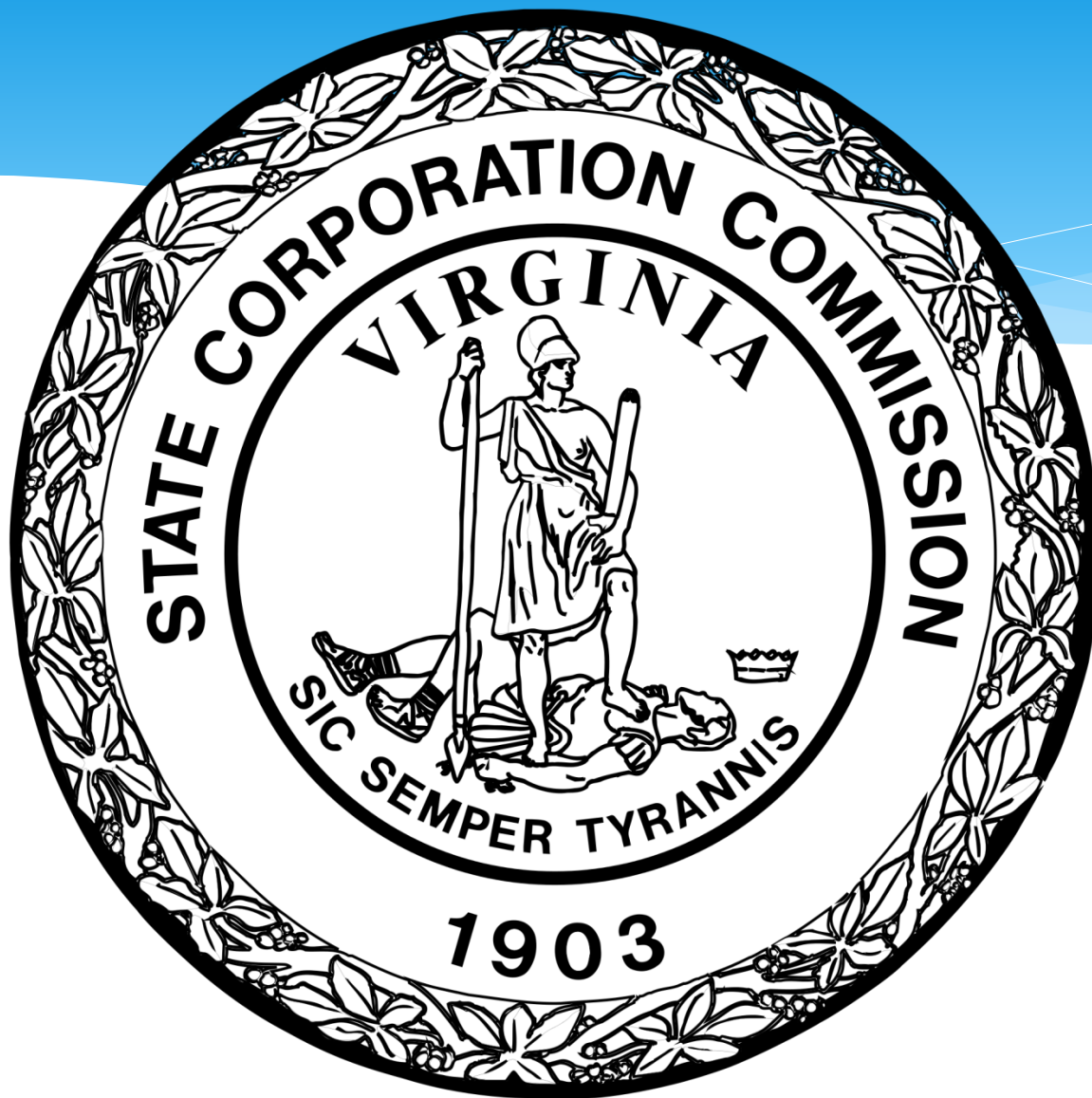
Ten persons, all of them women, were killed or fatally injured and more than a score hurt yesterday afternoon when the Masters Building on South Main Street was demolished by a terrific explosion that rocked the entire town and resulted in what was described as the worst disaster in the history of the Shenandoah Valley.

The blast which wrecked three stores in the building and blew in the wall of a residence beside it, hurled debris over a wide area and was followed by small fires which hampered the work of firemen and rescuers who swarmed through the ruins to release the many trapped.



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**TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY PIPELINE:  
MINIMUM FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS**









United Press International

Explosion left little but some walls, rubble and probably a body at Reston pipeline station

## Gas worker presumed dead in blast

### From wire dispatches

RESTON — A gas company worker was presumed killed yesterday when a Washington area natural gas distribution center exploded, knocking down walls and sending flames 100 feet into the sky, authorities said.

The man presumed dead was one of seven Washington Gas Light Co. workers performing an annual inspection check at the normally unmanned center where the company draws gas off an interstate pipeline.

The cause of the 10:20 a.m. blast has

The NTSB, which has jurisdiction over interstate pipelines, sent representatives to the center to coordinate the investigation.

The workers "were aware that a problem had developed" and were leaving the building when the explosion occurred, Young said. There was "3 million to 4 million cubic feet per hour" of natural gas coming into the station, which was "a fairly low amount," Young said. The company's service was not interrupted, he said.

Fire officials said flames soared

ran about one block from the building to her house.

"He said he had been in the building and that he had been thrown out of the building from the force of the explosion. He kept saying, 'I'm really lucky to be alive.' He said another co-worker was inside the building."

She said she was in her house when she heard "a sound like an airplane that was trying to land. It was like a huge roar of an engine. I opened my back door and heard three more explosions. That's when I saw the

that there had been an explosion.

Three engine companies, a ladder truck, a hazardous material response unit, a medic unit and three ambulances responded to the alarm.

Fire Capt. Edwin Kibler said the blaze was brought under control at 11:30 a.m., when firefighters closed a gas valve, after cooling the line with fire hoses, and entered the center to search for victims.







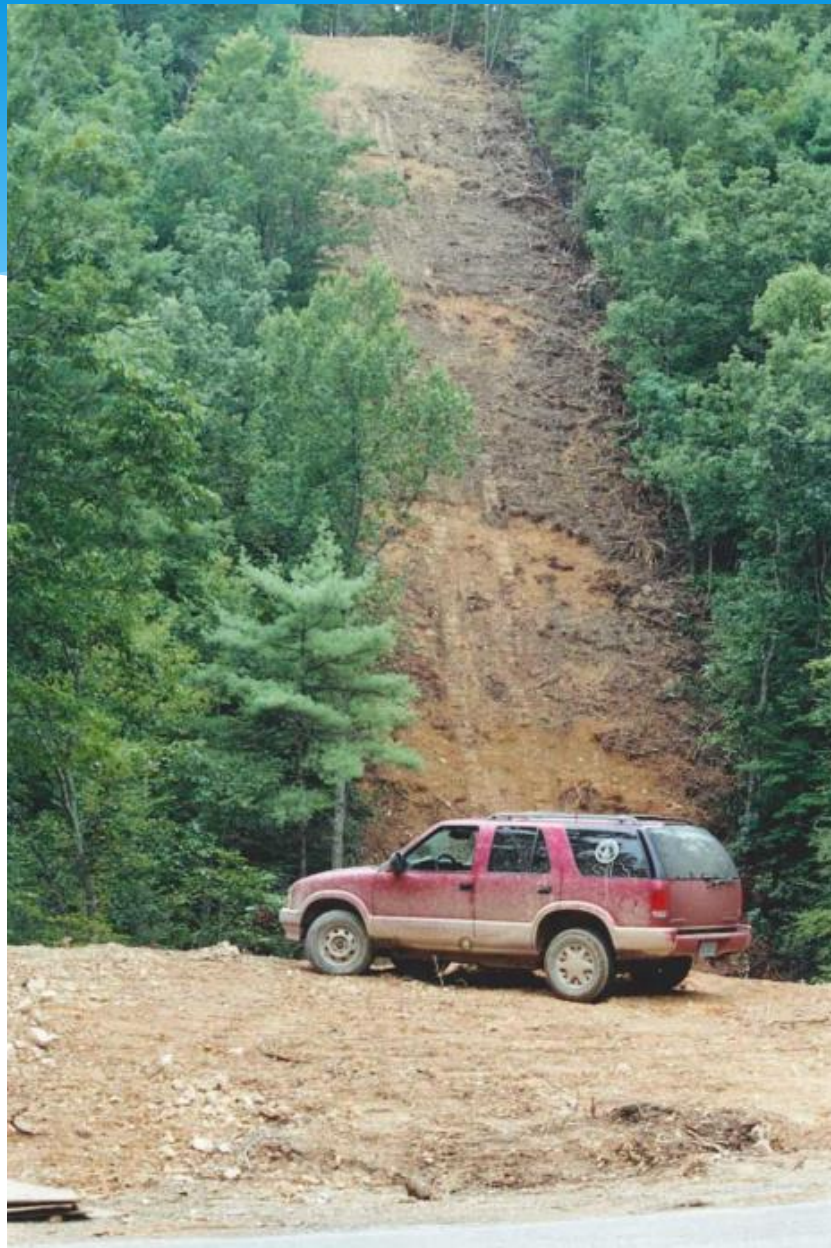














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VIRGINIA GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Date: May 27, 1976 Observer: Reginald J. Bailey

Company: Colonial Natural Gas Company

Facility Inspected: Radford Peak Shaving Plant Kootenai

Location: Radford Virginia

Company Personnel Contacted: Jim Bramblatt

Inlet Pressure: N/A in<sup>2</sup> Reduced to: N/A in<sup>2</sup>

Valves Checked and lubricated at least once N/A

Appearance of facility: well maintained; however

Discrepancies Observed: lightning apparently had struck this unit during a recent storm because a test reading indicated

Comments: a short which Mr. Bramblatt stated would be tested and corrected - checked out

Within Mr.  
Bailey's area of  
authority:

Reginald J. Bailey  
ENGINEER

Note: In addition to the two ground bed locations which I visited, the company has beds installed at proposed as follows: (1) a third bed in Radford at Kootenai (2) one bed in Christiansburg (3) one bed in Blacksburg (4) one bed between Christiansburg and Blacksburg (5) one bed in Dublin (6) two beds in Palaskie.



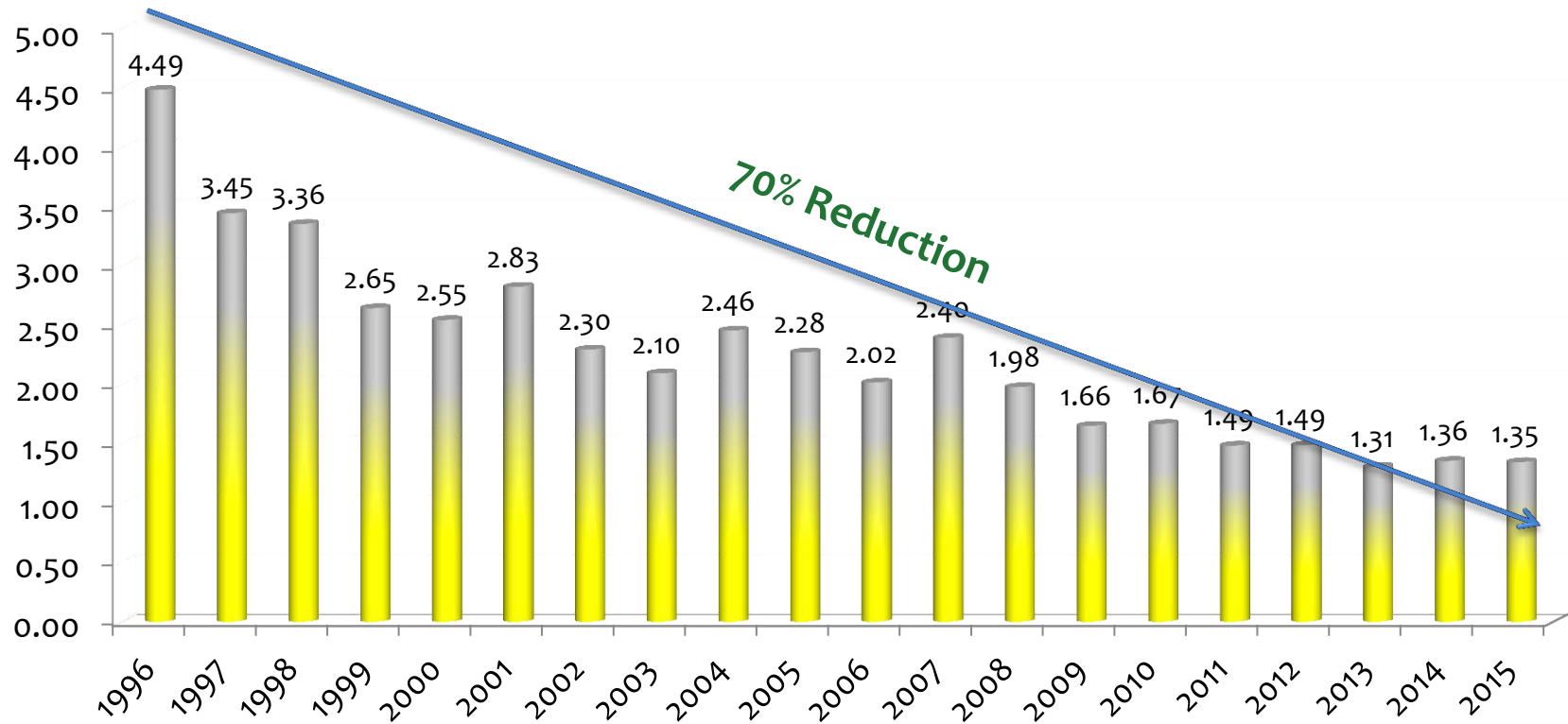
COLONIAL PIPELINE  
COMPANY

EMERY 26 EAST - MIDDLE VIRGINIA  
100' DIA. 100' WALL THICKNESS 100' DIA.  
REMARKS: 100' DIA. 100' WALL THICKNESS 100' DIA.



# Virginia's Program Results

## Gas Damages per 1,000 Gas Tickets





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Thank you.